

MIDWEST REGION DISTRIBUTOR REPORT

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CHICAGO BROILER/FRYER

PRELIMINARY FOR DELIVERY THE WEEK OF 10-MAY-2004

RANGE MAJORITY WTD. AVG. LOADS

US GRADE A 71.25-83 73-76 75.36 30

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 08-May-04

Current Week Previous Week

BRO-FRY 161,957 162,900

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES

WEDNESDAY

75.75

FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.:

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED

75.53

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price

on ice packed parts:

	WTD. AVG.	VOLUME			
ITEM (CEI	NTS PER POUND)	(000 POUNDS)			
LINE RUN TENDERS	258.00	1,254			
BREASTS - B/S	238.50	5,398			
BREASTS - WHOLE	127.50	1,803			
THIGH MEAT - B/S	117.50	1,011			
LEG QUARTERS	35.50	7,415			
WINGS	126.00	2.943			

<u>MIDWEST</u> The preliminary majority prices were unchanged form Monday's final for next week's deliveries into the Chicago area. Whole broiler/fryer market tone steady to firm with continued limited offerings. Trade interest was moderate. Movement into retail centers covered the full range with good movement noted into food service accounts. Floor stocks were adequate to short; the flow of product was held up by increased shortages in supplies and trucking related issues. Mixed weights were reported. Trading on parts items was also hampered by tight supplies and transportation. Breast items and dark meat lines received good trade inquiry. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm on breast and leg cuts, cautiously steady, undertone weak on tenderloins and barely steady to weak on wings.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US

GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) WEEK OF MAY 07, 2004

	CURRENT	LAST	SAME WEEK		CURRENT	LAST	SAME WEEK
8-16 LB HENS	WEEK	WEEK	YEAR AGO	16-24 LB TOMS	WEEK	WEEK	YEAR AGO
EASTERN REGION	66.14	65.20**	64.00	EASTERN REGION	67.07	66.50**	58.50**
CENTRAL REGION	65.30**	64.60**	58.00	CENTRAL REGION	66.30**	65.00	58.10**
WESTERN REGION	65.50**	65.50**	60.80**	WESTERN REGION	66.50**	66.00**	58.00

^{**}BASED ON OFFERS

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 01-May-2004	(PRELIMINARY)	_	YO	UNG	YOUNG		
YOUNG CHIC	CKENS		Н	ENS	TOMS		
THOUSANDS			THOUSANDS				
HEAD 157,89)4		HEAD 1,7	53	2,524		
AVG WT 5.3	30		AVG WT 15.	97	37.93		
HEAD SLTR COMPARI SON	S		LAST WEEK 1,7	43	2,527		
LAST WEEK 156,01	1		SAME WK YR AGO 1,9	16	2,925		
SAME WK YR AGO 156,76	60		AVG WT 16.	06	37.19		
AVG WT 5.0	9		TO-DATE/2004 28,8	06	42,018		
TO-DATE/2004 2,610,99)1		TO-DATE/2003 29,7	36	46,163		
TO-DATE/2003 2,570,89	95		Check total 5,720,6	47 1	60,421		
FRESH PORK CUTS			FRESH BEEF CUTS				
FOB Negotiated	PRICE RANGE	WTD AVG	FOB Negotiated	PRIC	E RANGE	WTD AVG	
Loin			_				
1/8" Trm/less 21#DN-LGT	129.00 - 138.00	132.60	112A 3 Rib, ribeye, bnls,	heavy 695.00	740.62	721.91	
BNLS Strap-on 5-11#	201.00 - 209.00	206.25	168 3 Round, top inside	round 205.00	209.56	205.03	
Trimmed Butt			180 3 Loin, strip, bnls, 0	x1 749.48	766.56	758.39	
1/4" Trim Stk Rdy	109.00 - 114.00	111.50	Ground Beef 81%	112.00	135.00	120.62	
SPARERIB							
3BAG/3 PCVAC4.25#/DN-LGT	165.50	165.50					

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